

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF JUNE 1, 2015

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of June 1, 2015 was called to order by Mayor David Lockhart at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Mr. Roy Lunsford followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Present: Mayor David Lockhart and Councilmembers Dabouze Antoine, Tommy Smith, Maudie McCord, Linda Lord and Latresa Akins.

Also present were City Manager Frank Brandon, Director of Public Works Jeff Eady, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Director of Planning and Zoning Al Wiggins, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Elaine Corley, Major Jamie Reynolds, Management Analyst Angela Redding and City Attorney Winston Denmark.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. McCord made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of May 18, 2015, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion were Ms. Lord and Mr. Smith. Voting against the motion were Mr. Dabouze and Ms. Akins. Ms. McCord abstained. Mayor Lockhart voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Comment Period: Sandra Bagley – stated she attended a Neighborhood Watch Program and encouraged everyone to attend. She asked again if someone could clean up the lot on Waverly and mosquito spraying on her street.

Keisha Crockett – stated at 755 Main Street, Pure Shape Store is opening and offering all natural soaps.

Recess: Ms. Lord made a motion to recess for a Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Public Hearing: Mayor Lockhart opened the Public Hearing to receive comments on the request to rezone a parcel of property

which is 0.7382 acre tract, lying and being in Land Lots 20 and 45 of the 18th District of unincorporated Clayton County. The current zoning classification assigned by Clayton County is LI (Light Industrial). The proposed municipal zoning is LI (Light Industrial).

Mr. Wiggins stated currently it is not buildable and is situated on the railroad right of way and based upon our zoning requirements and setbacks, it will not allow for a structure or building. He stated the zoning request is due to an annexation request. He stated it could be used as an assemblage, and could be connected to privately held property. He stated we are in arbitration with the County on the annexation request. He stated he would be better able to explain this request, once the arbitration is complete.

Ms. Folomi asked if this is the only property being considered. Mr. Wiggins stated he had received annexation requests from other property owners but this is the only applicant that has actively submitted an application.

Ms. Lord made a motion to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

New Retail
Alcohol License:

Request was made to consider a new retail alcohol license for beer and wine from Tara & Son, LLC, Z Food Mart, 5067 Ash Street, no exceptions noted.

Ms. Akins made a motion to approve the request for a new retail alcohol license from Tara & Son, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ms. Akins made a motion to amend the agenda to direct our City Attorney to investigate a matter in reference to our home rule, seconded by Mr. Dabouze.

Ms. Akins clarified the matter is in reference to the Mayor's veto powers and investigate to find out if this falls under the Home Rule instead of going through the Assembly.

Voting for the motion were Mr. Antoine, Ms. Akins and Ms. McCord. Voting against the motion were Mr. Smith and Ms. Lord. The motion carried.

Ms. Akins made a motion to direct our City Attorney to investigate a matter for the Council, seconded by Mr. Antoine.

Mr. Denmark asked Ms. Akins to specify in her motion the matter she would like the City Attorney to investigate.

Ms. Akins made a motion to amend her present motion to direct our city attorney to investigate a matter for the council in reference to the Mayor's veto powers under the Home Rule, seconded by Mr. Antoine. Voting for the motion were Mr. Antoine, Ms. McCord and Ms. Akins. Voting against the motion were Mr. Smith and Ms. Lord. The motion carried.

Voting for the amended motion were Mr. Antoine, Ms. McCord and Ms. Akins. Voting against the motion were Mr. Smith and Ms. Lord. The motion carried.

Rezoning
Property:

Request was made to consider rezoning of property located in Land Lot 20 and 45 of the 18th District of unincorporated Clayton County to LI (Light Industrial).

Ms. Lord made a motion to table this item until Council receives further direction from Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ordinance
(Billiard Room)

Request was made to consider an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, City of Forest Park, Georgia; to amend the City's definition of "Billiard Room"; to amend requirements of Billiard Room applicants; to amend the classification of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses; to provide for codification; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide an adoption date; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes allowed by law.

Ms. Lord made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

City Solicitor/
Env. Court
Judge:

Request was made to consider proposals for City Solicitor and Environmental Court Judge.

Ms. Lord made a motion to leave Jerry Patrick as City Solicitor, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion were Mr. Smith and Ms. Lord. Voting against the motion were Mr. Antoine, Ms. McCord and Ms. Akins. The motion failed.

Memorial Plaque: Mayor Lockhart asked if someone would amend the agenda to discuss the Mayor using allocated funds to cover the cost of the memorial plaque for Rev. Grant.

Mr. Antoine made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss the Mayor using ward funds for the C W Grant Memorial, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Mr. Antoine stated he would like to donate also from his ward funds. Mayor Lockhart stated he has not used his this year and doubted he will use it before the end of the fiscal year.

Mayor Lockhart requested that Council authorize the use of the Mayors discretionary fund in the amount of \$1799.00 and that the Council authorize the use of \$100 of Councilman's Antoine's discretionary funds which would cover the full cost of the Memorial plaque.

Ms. Akins requested \$300 of her ward funds be used for this purpose.

Ms. Lord made a motion that the City cover the total cost of \$1899 for the Memorial plaque and it be spent from the discretionary funds of the Mayor in the amount of \$1499.00, from Councilwoman Akins fund in the amount of \$300 and from Councilman Antoine's funds in the amount of \$100, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ms. Lord made a motion to appoint L'Erin Barnes as Environmental Court Judge, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion were Mr. Smith and Ms. Lord. Voting against the motion were Ms. McCord, Mr. Antoine and Ms. Akins. The motion failed.

Mr. Antoine made a motion to reconsider the vote to appoint Ms. Barnes as Environmental Court Judge, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Lockhart called for the vote on the original motion to appoint Ms. Barnes as the Environmental Court Judge. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Adjournment: Ms. Lord made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Smith.
Voting for the motion was unanimous.